

SIXTEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

SESSION, 2009

HSE. COM. RES. NO. 16-78

A HOUSE COMMEMORATIVE RESOLUTION

TO RECOGNIZE MS. YVONNE MARIE DLG BENNETT FOR HER OUTSTANDING PARTICIPATION IN THE CNMI TEEN TALK PROGRAM AND FOR HER COMMITMENT TO BEING A POSITIVE ROLE MODEL FOR HER PEERS.

1 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Yvonne Marie DLG Bennett was born on July 29, 1990, and is
2 currently a Senior attending Kagman High School; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Yvonne Marie DLG Bennett has been a dedicated and
4 inspirational member of CNMI Teen Talk and a leader in her school and community; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Yvonne Marie DLG Bennett is a member of various clubs and
6 participated in various community activities including the Polynesian cultural dancer for
7 Keokina (2003-2007), National Forensic League (October 2005), is a member of the
8 Kagman High School National Honor Society, a member of the Mock Trial team for KHS
9 (March 2007-March 2008), member of KHS graduation committee (March 2009-present),
10 KHS prom committee member (SY 2007-2008), and KHS class treasurer (September
11 2005 to present); and

12 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Yvonne Marie DLG Bennett also excelled outside of the
13 classroom and was member of various team and individual sporting events namely the
14 Kagman High School Girls Varsity Basketball Team (November 2005-February 2009),
15 KHS Track and Field team member (April 2005 to present), a member of the CNMI
16 Women's Jr. National Basketball Team, and a member of the Northern Marianas
17 Amateur Sports Association Track and Field Team that competed in the 2006
18 Micronesian Games; and

19 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Yvonne Marie DLG Bennett participated in the Oceania

1 Athletics competition, the Guam all schools invitational competition, IAAF World
2 Championship, Micronesian athletics competition, NMA island relay run, and the Youth
3 Spring Break volleyball tournament; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Yvonne Marie DLG Bennett found the time in her busy
5 schedule and volunteered for Beautify CNMI (December 2006) NMA island relay run
6 (December 2006), and Miss Marianas teen/universe (March-November 2008); and

7 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Yvonne Marie DLG Bennett's hard work, dedication, and
8 commitment did not go unrecognized as she was rewarded Athlete of the month (April,
9 May, August, and December of 2007, and February, May, and June of 2009), selected to
10 be a part of the CNMI's Woman's National Basketball team in February 2009, and was
11 voted as the Female Athlete of the Year for 2007 and 2008; and

12 **WHEREAS**, Teen Talk, a youth group that has been a part of the CNMI Public
13 School System's Youth Development Program since 2001, promotes open
14 communication among teens of the CNMI on issues such as Health and HIV Education
15 and encourages them to protect their health and advocates for the well-being of others;
16 and

17 **WHEREAS**, Teen Talk's mission is to help students to develop a healthy lifestyle
18 by fostering positive self-esteem and responsible decision-making; and

19 **WHEREAS**, initially, Teen Talk began reaching out to the community, primarily
20 teenagers, through the Power 99 radio station; and

21 **WHEREAS**, in the past eight years, Teen Talk has made a positive impact on the
22 community by facilitating workshops on teen health issues for students from each of the
23 five high schools, four junior high schools and eight elementary schools, facilitating
24 workshops for parents and teachers from Rota, Tinian, and Saipan, hosting a teen talk
25 show on Marianas Cable Vision, and facilitating in the Division of Youth Services
26 Annual Youth Summit; and

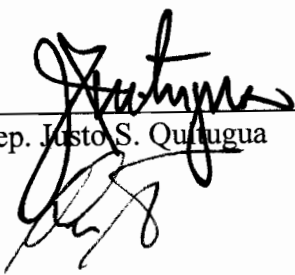
27 **WHEREAS**, members of Teen Talk, composed of high school and Northern
28 Marianas College students, are not compensated for their hard work, but voluntarily
29 contribute their time to this program because they feel that it is important to educate the
30 community;

1 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the House of Representatives,
2 Sixteenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature, that the House hereby
3 recognizes Ms. Yvonne Marie DLG Bennett for her outstanding participation in the
4 CNMI Teen Talk program and for her commitment to being a positive role model for her
5 peers; and

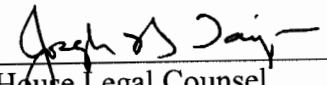
6 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Speaker of the House of
7 Representatives shall certify, and the House Clerk shall attest to the adoption of this
8 Resolution and thereafter transmit certified copies to Ms. Yvonne Marie DLG Bennett;
9 the Honorable Benigno R. Fitial, Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern
10 Mariana Islands; the Honorable Pete P. Reyes, President of the Senate, Sixteenth
11 Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature; the Honorable Juan B. Tudela, Mayor of
12 Saipan; Ms. Lucia Linda Blanco-Maratita, Esq., Chairperson of the Board of Education;
13 Ms. Rita A. Sablan Ed. D., Commissioner of Education; and Mr. Alfred B. Ada,
14 Principal, Kagman High School.

Prefiled 6-2-09

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Introduced By:  _____
Rep. Justo S. Quiugua

Reviewed by:

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House Legal Counsel